



AGENDA

Neighborhood Planning Focus Group Meeting

9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, May 19, 2009

APS Conference Room, 101 West Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Mary Jo Tsitouris at 928-779-7631, ext. 7344 (or 928-774-5281 TDD). Notification at least 48 hours in advance will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements.

1. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance:

Elaine Averitt, City of Flagstaff
Dan Cothran, Citizen
Roger Eastman, City of Flagstaff
Ed Larsen, City of Flagstaff
Laura Myers, La Plaza Vieja Neighborhood
Scott Neuman, Coconino County Community Services
Kim Sharp, City of Flagstaff
Debbie Shelton, Real Estate
Mark Spinti, Engineer
Kim Tittelbaugh, Real Estate
Duffie Westheimer, Citizen

2. Focus Group Overview

Roger Eastman explained that 11 focus groups have been formed as part of the Land Development Code re-write process. These groups are not a “formal body” and do not fall under the open meeting laws.

3. Roles/expectations of the Focus Groups

The purpose of the focus group is to look at the “big picture” and try not to get into the “weeds” of each issue. The focus group members will focus on the main issues and determine whether or not the current code supports the issue, or if not, how to get there.

4. Role/expectations of staff

City staff will provide technical expertise.

5. Issue review

Roger Eastman explained the various zoning districts in the current code, and touched on the goals of Form Based Code, and explained the primary distinction between a neighborhood and a subdivision.

Key Issues Identified:

- Character
- Neighborhood verses subdivision
- Future neighborhoods/growth
- Form Based Code
- Parking garages (collection of solar power)
- De-emphasis on parking with new approach
- Parking better placed (underground)
- Parking issues for rentals
- Parking in front yards (reduction in property value)
- Transit (better balanced)
- Technology changes reflected in code
- Landscaping – street trees
- What makes a neighborhood? “Your neighborhood is your place”
 - Lighting
 - Signs
 - Proximity to schools, churches, etc.
 - Street layout
 - Access
 - Junk stored in yards
 - Recreation
 - Open space
 - Neighborhood interaction
 - Front porches
- Future mixed-use/TND in existing neighborhoods
- Diversity of neighborhoods
- Rentals & 2nd home owners (vacancy)
- Student interactions with neighborhood residents
- NAU/Southside partnership (more engaged)
- Property Maintenance Ordinance
- Entrepreneurship – how can one neighborhood help itself and the community as a whole?

6. Dot mapping exercise for Flagstaff

Green: Preserve

Blue: Needs to evolve

Red: Must transform

7. Future meetings
First and third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. for 1.5 hours, and the fifth Monday of the month when it occurs.
8. Election of a chair person and vice-chair person
Chair person: Kim Tittelbaugh
Vice Chair: Debbie Shelton
9. Adjournment
10:27 a.m.